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The Speech of

B I R D S.

ALSO

The speech of

FLOWERS;

*Partly Morall,
Partly Mysticall.*



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To the Worshipfull,
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SIR,



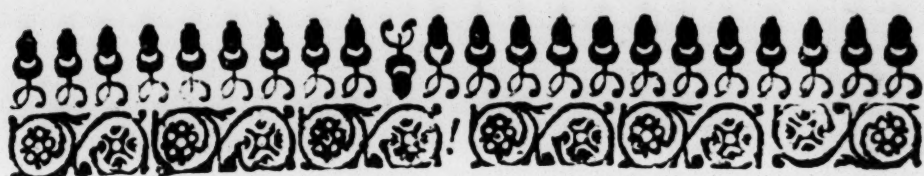
Most learned Dutch
writer hath maintained
that Birds doe speake
and converse one
with another: nor doth it fol-
low, that they cannot speake, be-
cause wee cannot heare, or that
they want language, because
we want understanding. Bee this
true or false, in Mythologic
Birds are allowed to speake, and
and to teach Men too. We know
that a man cannot reade a wiser,

The Epistle Dedicatory.

*nor a child a plainer Booke then
Æsops Fables.*

*These Birds now come to make
their nest under the Bowes and
Branches of your Favour; Bee
you pleased Sir, to extend your
shadow over them, and as they shall
receive succour from you; you
may be assured you shall receive
no hurt from them: And thus Sir,
I wish you all happinesse, not
only to converse with Birds in
the lowest Region of the Air
sometime stiled Heaven, but that
a better and higher place may be
reserved for your entertainment.*

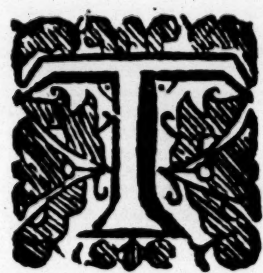
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ORNITHO-LOGIE

OR

THE SPEECH OF BIRDS.



Here was a *Grove* in *Scicile*, not far from *Siracuse*, whrein the *Greek* and *Latin Potes* had made many *Hyperbolicall* descriptions. For the *Wits* in that Country, being *place-bound*, and confined to a narrow Circle of ground, sought to improve the same by their active *Wits*; whereby they enlarged every *Ditch* into a *Ri-*

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ver; every *Pond* into a *Lake*, every
Grove into a *Forrest*, every
convenient *Hill* into a *Mountain*. In this notion they magni-
fied this *Grove*, otherwise not
above twelve Acres of ground,
though well wooded, save that
the tyrannical *Oaks* with their
constant dropping, hindred the
underwoods from prospering
within the compasse there.
of.

There was the whole Nati-
on of *Birds* living under the
shadow thereof. And the cli-
mate being indifferently mo-
derate, and moderately mid-
dle; wherein the *East*, *West*,
North, and *South* of the *World*,
wherein some kinds compoun-
ded,

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ded *Birds*, of all *Climates* here, made their habitations. Now a Bill of complaint was subscribed (or rather signed) with the numberlesse *Clawes* (instead of hands) of *Birds* ; containing the many insupportable Grievances they had endured from the intolerable cruelty of the *Eagle* ; who making his own *lust* his Law, had dominered over all the *winged Nation*. The *Eagle* appeared in answer hereunto ; (it being a generall meeting of all kinds of *birds*) and endeavoured to justifie his proceedings, and clear himself in vain, from their accusations. The truth is, the *Eagle* was overgrown with

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Age, for he is generally reported the survivor of all *Birds*: So that if one would take a *Lease* of Land on a *birds* life, he could not put in a more advantageous name then an *Eagle*.

But this *Eagle* had its bill with long age so reflexed back again into his mouth, that hee was so farre from preying on another, that hee could not swallow any *Flesh* though profered unto him. Soon will the *spirits* fail where the belly is not fed; in vain did his *courage* pretend to his wonted *valour*, when there was nothing within to justify and make good the offers thereof.

So

So that the poor *Eagle* conquered rather with its own *Age* then outward *violence*, yielded to that to which all must yield: and was forced patiently to digest all affronts offered unto him, and glad so to escape. For although some mention was made of killing him; yet by plurality of suffrages, that *vote* got the mastery which onely confined him to a neighbouring *wood*, on condition that death without mercy should be his penalty if exceeding the Bounds thereof.

This done , Proclamation was made three daies after that the whole *Species of Birds* should

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should appeare for the election of a *Principall* to command them. Indeed there were many which were altogether against any Government, because they might the more freely rove and range in their Affections. These held that all were free by nature; and that it was an assault on the Liberty of man, and a *rape* offered to his naturall freedom; that any should assume authority above another. These maintained (what certainly was not onely a paradox, but a flat falshood) that nature at the first Creation made all the world a flat leuell and *Champion*, and that it was by the violence of the *De-*
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luge or great Flood, which by the partiall fall or running thereof, made the inequality, by sinking some places into humble *Vallies*, and swelling others into aspiring *Mountaines*. Prosecuting which comparison, they maintained that all men were naturally equal; and that it was the inundation and influx of humane *Tyranny* which made this disparity between them. They also defended the argument, that as the world began, so it should with the Golden age; and that all ought to be restored to that primitive Liberty which men had lost, partly *surrendring* it by their own folly and ease

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nature; partly *surprised* into their own slavery by the cunning and craft of others that practised on their simplicity. But however that these made a great noise, the opposite party prevailed, as having most of strength and reason on their side.

For where all rule, there no rule at all will be: where every man may command, in fine, none will obey, the dictates of his own reason, but be a very *vassall* to his *passion*. Society cannot be twilted together where there is not a subordination and subjection one to another; and where every one is absolute in himself, there is an

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impossibility of any orderly subsistence.

Let the maintainers of the contrary, try with themselves to make a rope of sand ; where each crum therein being independent of it self, hath no tendency to a generall agreement; but enjoyes it self in its own intirenesse.

It being now cast (by generall suffrages) for a *Commander* over all, that at such a time they should meet : it was also proclaimed that all antipathy should cease between all *Birds* during their meeting ; because being now in danger of generall ruine, for want of a *head* all private animosity should be
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broken off and drowned in a
publique agreement.

According to the Proclamation, they all met together; and *birds* of all feathers had a generall *convolancy*. Then the Estridge began, in a high commendation of himself, how hee was the biggest of all *birds*, and therefore the fittest to be their *General*, as of the greatest ability to support the weight of the *Massie* affairs of *State*. The rest of the *birds* gave him the *hearing*, untill the little *Wren* thus returned the answer.

It may seeme a very unproportionable combate between the *least* and *greatest* of *birds*, that I should once offer to en-

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ter the *list* with this *Giant*, who frights us all with his greatness. But sure this wise *Senate* never made the bulk of a *body* the standard whereby to measure the perfections of the mind: and therefore I may take to my selfe the confidence to examine the truth of what hee hath spoken. His greatness is apparent to every eye; but as for any other eminency, it is so secret a quality, that none as yet hath discovered it; For mine own part I conceive him rather *beast* then *bird*, and therefore not properly of our *Kind*. I appeal to his *Latin* name; *Struthio-Camelus*; wherein the *Camell* beares away the last

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last and best part thereof. And are we put to such a straight, that we must elect an *Hermoprodite*, a rudiment, which is a measuring case betweene *Beast* and *Fowl*: Doth hee not more trust, unto his *Leggs* to *Flee*, then unto his *Wings* to *flye*, and what I pray is the remarkable vertue, which commends him to publique notice; hath he any *melodious voice* whereby to charme the attentions of those that hear him: hath he any extraordinary *wit*, in which he appears above others of the same society. What if Foolish women, as light perhaps as the *Feather* they wear, be pleased

to advance his *Taile* above their *heads*. What if vainglorious *Captaines* more known by their *Plumes* than their *performances*, deck their *crests* with the spoil of his *wings*: all these amount not to argue any reall worth in him. Wee live not in an age to be deluded with shewes, or cheated with shadows. It is enough that our *Ancestors* have suffered for their folly herein, with their owne credulity. Reall worth must be the attractive of our *love* and *respect*: which being here wanting, I utterly disavow his Election for our *Soveraign*.

The rest of the *birds* concurred with the resolution of

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the Wren, highly applauding it for the same; which durst *speak* that which others thought. They plainly saw that *spirit* united in a small bulk, acts most vigorously: and the contracted heat in so small a *body* prompted the *Wren* to such lively expressions which bigger *birds* durst not utter.

Next stood forth the *Parrot*, insisting largely on it's owne commendation, among the rest of his dexterous faculty, in imitating the speech of Man, wherein he exceeded all other creatures in the world. And seeing man was the Sovereign of all the Creation, he conceived himself (w^{ch} approached next

unto

unto him in his happy expressions) deservedly might claim the *Regiment* of all birds.

The *Daw* generally condemned for its *loquacity*, took upon him to answer the *Parrot*. Indeed hee began with great disadvantage, none expecting any thing of wit or worth from him, because hee was so common a *Talker*, therefore conceived his *speech* not worthy their attentions, when defeating their expectations, & deceiving them with a harmlesse cheat, he thus proceeded.

You have heard the *Parrot* make a large *encomium* of himself, all which must needs be true, because you have heard

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his owne credit to avouch it :
 otherwise me thinks one might
 justly take the liberty to exa-
 mine the ground of what hee
 hath spoken ; I will not insist
 on the *alienness* of his *extracti-*
on ; we living here in *Syracuse*
 whilst this *Parrot* fetcheth his
 Originall from the *South* of
Africk, or *East* of *Asia*. Onely
 consider with your selves how
 unfit it is for our free-born spi-
 rits to submit to a Forrainer,
 assure your selves, forrain *Aire*
 will bring in forrain *inclinati-*
ons , hee cannot but promote
 strangers as his favourites to all
 places, and preferments of pro-
 fit and honour , and can this
 be digested by such as consult

the true spirit of an ingenious Birth ; For mine own part, I shall rather submit to the tyranny of our own Country, then to the insulting humours of strangers; as expecting that although one of our owne Country may for a time domineere over us ; yet the *sympathy* of blood to those of his own Land , will give a *check*, and at last gain a *Conquest* of his *passion* , that he will return to a favourable reflection, on those who by *v'cinity* of *birth* and *breeding* are related unto him.

Now whereas the *Parrot* boasteth that hee doth so exactly imitate the speech of

Man, it affecteth me no whit at all with admiration thereof. I have heard of a speech of *Alexander*, who being invited to hear a man that fung like the *Nightingale*, answered, I scorn to hear him, for I have heard the *Nightingale* it selfe : and who would admire at the *Copie*, when hee hath the *Original*, I have often heard men themselves speak, and therefore am not a whit moved to heare a *Parrot* speak like a man; Let every thing appear in its owne shape; *Men* speak the language of *Men*, *Birds* of *Birds*. *Hypocrisie* is that which hath betrayed the world, to a generall delusion, thence to destruction,
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when people counterfeit the *Tongues* and *Tones* of those from whose *Hearts* they dissent : how many demure people hath this age brought forth, sadly and soberly dropping forth their words, with much affected deliberation (as if all the hearers were bound thereby to believe them as solid, reserved and discreet in *Deeds* as in their *words*, when they onely *Palliate* and cloak a base and unworthy *inside* under the shadow and pretence of an *outward* fair representation. I therefore must throw my *graines* into the *Negative* scale, and conceive the *Parrot* utterly unfit for the sovereignty of *birds*.

After many debates and disputes, pro and con, plurality of voices at last pitched on the Hauke, as whose extraction was known to be honorable, valour undoubted, providence or foresight admirable, as appeared in the quickness of his eyes; being a *Prometheus* indeed, foreseeing all dangers, and his own advantages of great distance. The Hauke returning his full and fair thanks unto them for their free favour, accepted of their profer, and all their meeting for the present was diminished, onely two birds commanded to stay behind, the Phoenix and the Turtle Dove, whom
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the Hawk severally accosted,
beginning with the former.

Sir, or Mistris Phoenix, saith
the Hawk; for I know not in
what Gender to addresse my
language unto you, in whom
both Sexes are jumbled toge-
ther. I desire to be informed
of you, whether that bee a
truth, or a long lived common
Error, of the manner of your
original from the Ashes of your
Ancestor, if it be a truth, I
stand ready with admiration
to embrace and entertaine it:
If an error, I am resolved
Posterity shall no longer bee
deluded therewith. We live
in an Age of Knowledge, the
Beames whereof have dispel-
led

led those mists of Errour
wherewith our Forefathers
were cheated into the believe
of many impossibilities recom-
mended unto them by Tradi-
tion, as if the gray Perriwigge
of Old-age should command
so much veneration from us,
that we should consign up our
judgement to the implicate
belief of any thing which for-
mer Ages have related. Deale
therefore openly with me, and
informe me the truth, whe-
ther your Generation be thus
by Continuation of a Mi-
racle.

I cannot resolve you here-
in, saith the Phoenix, of the
particulars of my Extraction,
which

which happened long before the register of my memory : Sure I am there are no other of my kinde for me to couple with, which demonstrates the truth of that which is generally received : I confesse men make use of me rather for a Moral and an Embleme to denote those things which are rare, and seldome come to passe. Thus, a Court Lord who will honestly pay all his Debts, is accounted a Phoenix : A Judge who will not suffer his Conscience to be robbed by a bribe secretly proffered unto him, is a Phoenix : A Great man who looks straight forward to the Publicque

lique good, not bound on ei-
ther side with his own interest, gr
is a Phoenix : However assure th
your selfe, that besides the th
Morality that may be made
thereof, I have, as you see, th
real Existence in Nature, and fo
if any will take the paines to m
travel into *Arabia* to *Mecca*, or
he shall finde my Nest in a Tree C
hanging there almost as Arti wh
ficially as doth the Tombeo th
Mahomet bribed by an invifible C
Loadstone into that miracu th
lous posture thereof. if

But now, faith the Hawk de
suppose I should seise on you fy
this night for my supper, whe
ther doe you thinke that the H
losse of your life would be fo
great bu

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great a defect in Nature, that the whole *Universe* would fare the worse for the same?

Undoubtedly it would, saith the Phoenix, for this is received for an undoubted Maxime amongst *Philosophers*, that if one whole kinde or *species* of Creatures be destroyed, the whole world would be ruined thereby: For every kinde of Creatures are so Essential to the well being thereof, that if any one of them be utterly destroyed, all the rest out of sympathy will decay.

I conceive not, saith the Hawk, that you are such a foundation stone in Natures building, that the taking you

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away will hazard the whole
 Architecture thereof. How-
 ever, I am resolved to put it to
 the tryal, be it but to gaine
 knowledge by the experiment
 I know what *Plato* saith, That
 those are the happiest Kingdomes
 wherein either their Kings
 Philosophers, or their Philo-
 sopers their Kings. Seeing there-
 fore the History of Nature is
 so necessary to an accom-
 plished Governour, I who desire all
 perfections in that kind, will
 satisfie my curiositie make
 proof thereof.

The Phoenix pleaded for he-
 self the benefit of a Proclama-
 tion of liberty to all for three
 dayes to come and goe with

safety; the Eagle smiling at her silly plea, informing her that such grants are to be kept no farther than they are consistent with the conveniency of those that grant them. Yet for the present the Phoenix was reprieved, because the Hawkes stomach lately gorged, had not as yet recovered his appetite to his supper.

Then the Hawk approached to the Turtle-dove, demanding of her whether it was true or no what passeth for a common truth, that the Turtle if once losing their Mate, never wed more, but passe the remainder of their dolefull dayes in constant widdowhood.

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Most true it is, saith the Turtle, which I may speake by my owne sad experience; for some three years since, the unhappy shot of a cruel Falkoner deprived me of my deare Husband, since which time I have sequestred my selfe from all company, never appearing in publique till now, forced thereunto by command from Authority.

And surely, I conceive, all second Marriages little better than excusable lust, for when once the heate of youth hath been abated in one Match, none can pretend Necessity of Marrying againe, except it be for quenching those heates which

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which they themselves willingly and wilfully kindle. Besides, when one hath once really affected a Husband, or be a Wife, affections so ingrosse the whole soul, that notwithstanding his, or her death, it can never admit another to the same degree of dearness. Especially if their love were signed and sealed with Issue, as mine was, having three of both Sexes surviving (send them better successe than their unhappy Father had) so that in them methinkes I behold my Husband still alive. She therefore that hath not the modesty to dye the Relict of one man, will

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charge through a whole Army
of Husbands, if occasion were
offered, before her love will
meet with a full stoppe there-
of.

You are too rigid and se-
vere, saith the Hawk, to make
your personal temper and pri-
vate practice the rule to mea-
sure all other by, unacquainted
with the Necessities of others
in this kinde. But to come
closer to the matter, I desire
satisfaction in another thing
namely, whether you be with-
out a Gall as is commonly re-
ported.

I know there is a twofold
knowledge, one by the fruits
and the effects which Scholars

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call *à posteriore*, and this is the more fallible & uncertaine, the other *à priore* from the Causes, and this as more demonstrative may safely be relyed on, I will embrace the latter course, and to assure my selfe whether you have a Gall or no, I meane to make you a living Anatomie, and instantly to inspect you. Ocular inspection is the best direction, and I will presently pry into your intrails for my better information, to see with what curiosity Nature hath contrived the things therein, and how many little engines there are to move the wheele of life within you.

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Then beganne the Eagle to dispose himselfe for Supper, intending the Turtle-dove for the first Course to begin with, and the Phoenix (as the finer flesh) to close his stomach therewith. In preparation wherunto he plumed the Dove of some of her upper Feathers.

Just in the instant as he beganne his prey, who should come in, but he was little expected, and lesse welcome to the Hawk than the old Eagle, and we must a while dwel upon the cause and manner of his enlargement.

This Eagle was, as afore said, confined to a Grove, where he

was temperate against his will, as not able to feede on any Fowle. Nature had hung such a Lock upon his Bill, for the Redundancie thereof was such, that hee was capable of no food, save drinke, which hee plentifully powred in; thus for some moneths drinke was all the meate hee tooke, which served to support his life, though not to encrease his strength; yet could he not be a good fellow in his Cups, as being solitary by himselfe, having none to keep him company.

At last hee descryed a sharpe Rock, wherein one place white in colour, more prominent
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than the rest, had a shining hardnesse therein; to this the Eagle applyes his Bill, and never left off rubbing, grating, and whetting his Beak thereon, untill at last hee quite whetted off the superfluous, yea hurtfull Excrescencie of his Bill, which now reduced to a moderate proportion, was as usefull to all purposes as ever before. Thus enabled to get his prey in few weekes, he recruited his strength, so that what the Poets tell of *Medea*, that with her enchanted Baths made her Father-in-law young againe, here truly came to passe: And now the New old Eagle hearing in what Quar-

ters the Hawke kept his constant residence, thought on a sudden to have surpris'd him, had not the other discovered his approach, and made a seasonable escape, whereby both Turtle and Phoenix obtained their liberty, and securely returned unto their owne Nests.

The Hawke having made an escape, posted with all speed to the Lapwinge, which with some difficulty he found out, and privacie being obtained, thus kindly spake unto him.

Friend Lapwing, I have taken notice, that you are one of the most subtilest, and politick Bird in all our Common-wealth;

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wealth, you have the art so to cover your intentions, that they are not obvious to common eyes, when your Egges or young ones be a mile at distance, you use to flutter with your winges, and fetch your rounds and circles a great way off, as if you intended to brood that place with your wings, or as if that were the Chest wherein your Treasure was deposited; this makes many people to search there for your young ones, but are frustrated of their hopes; you have infecured them farre off; this lawfull Simulation, I conceive a commendable and necessary quality in every great person;

it is as necessary as breath to their well-being : Should men play all above board, and expose their actions to all Spectators, Folly and Wisdome would bee both of a rate. No, it is the hanging of such Curtaines and Traverses before our Deeds which keep up our Reputation, and enable us for great performances. Now I request you help me a little in my extremity, the renewed Eagle is in pursuit of me, and my safety lyeth much at your disposall. The Lapwing promised the utmost of his endeavours, and desired the Hawk to proceed.

See you, saith the Hawk,
vonder

yonder empty Cage of great
receipt, so that it might serve
for an Aviarie, for which it do
was first intended, though
since refused, when the Eagle
flying this way enquireth after
me, perswade him I am flown
into the Cage, and leave the
rest to my performance.

All was acted accordingly,
the Eagle demanded what was
become of the Hawk? the
Lapwing returned, *Here 'tis,*
here 'tis, and then hovered o-
ver the Cage, fetching so ma-
ny compasses thereabouts, that
one might have mistaken him
for some Conjuror, making
his many Circles with intent
to raise up some spirit there-
abouts.

abouts: The Eagle violently
flies into the Cage, whose
doores stood open, triumph-
ing in his owne happinesse,
that now he should be reven-
ged on his profest Enemy. In-
stantly the Hawk (who stood
behinde unseen in a place of
advantage) clapps an Iron
Padlock on the Cage, and
thus insulteth over the Pri-
soner.

Me thinkes, Sir Eagle, you
make mee call to minde the
condition of *Bajazet* the Great
Turk, whom *Tamberlan* tooke
captive, and carried him a-
bout the Country, that all
people might feed their gazing
eyes upon him ; such a spe-
ctacle

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&acle are you this day ; I have now
 now made an Owle of the po
 Eagle, turned him into the most
 ridiculous object of laughter and
 and contempt : Tell me, doe you
 you not want a *Promethews*, to
 feed upon his fruitfull entrails, and
 as the Poets feigne, which daily
 ly increased, and afforded the
 Poets Eagle both Common wh
 and Festivals. Sir, your life
 shall not bee vented out at once,
 once, but you shall dye many
 deaths, with long lingering
 torments : I will order it so
 that you shall feele your self
 to dye : There is no Music
 in an Enemies death, which
 is not accompanied with tor
 ment ; and though no out

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ward torture shall be inflicted
upon you, yet know, that
thirst and hunger shall be your
two Executioners. Now the
Guiltlesse blood of so many
Birds and innocent Lambs,
and hurtlesse Hares shall bee
required of you; and so I
leave you till to morrow,
when I meane to make a new
meal of you in scorn and con-
tempt.

The Eagle sadly, yet stoutly
answered, my courage shall
not abate with my condition,
whose spirit is planted above
the battery of Fortune, I will
never be lesse than my selte,
whatsoever befalls me. A Lyon
is no lesse a Lyon, though in a
orate.

After the Hawkes departure, the Ostrich came in the place, whom the Eagle saw unseen, and wisely marked his postures and motions. The Ostrich fell into a strange passion, and would you know the reason thereof, it was as followeth.

Some three dayes^{or} since,
when hee first repaired to the
generall meeting of the Birds,
he left his Egges in the sand,

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not covering them over, such
his carelesnesse and incogitan-
cie ; it was in a Starre-light
night, wherein he took a mark
for the finding of his Egges by
such a Starre , under the di-
rect position whereof he then
hid them, and hoped to finde
them at his returne. It hap-
pened that the Starre being
turned about with the cir-
cumgyration of the heavens,
which continue in constant
motion, the Ostrich lost the
Starre by which hee thought
to find his Egges, and though
very neare the place wander-
ing up and downe, and could
not light upon it, which made
him breake forth into this
naffi-

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passionate complaints.

I am the unfortunatest of
all Fowles: How will all con-
demne mee for an unnaturall
Parent, who have been thus
carelesse of mine owne Issue:
Yet I tooke as good notice of
the place as I could, all things
in Earth are false, and fading,
and flitting away: I had
thought there had been more
faithfulnesse in the Heavens,
more assurance in the Skies.
Let never the *Indians* worship
Stars again, when they are guilt-
ty of so much deceit.

How comes it to passe, that
the Pole-Starre is so perfect
guide and direction to the
Mariner, that it may be tear-

med the grand Pilot of all
Shippes, by the Elevation, or
Depression whereof, they in-
fallibly collect in the darkest
nights whereabouts they steer.
I say, how comes that Starre
to be so true to its trust, to be
so true a Conductor of wan-
dering Saylors, and this prove
so false to me? And now will
Posterity brand me for unna-
turalnesse, who have exposed
my Egges to such danger,
though therein all caution was
used by mee to the height of
my discretion. More would
shee have spoken when griefe
silenced her; for as those Ri-
vers are shallow which make a
noyse, whilst the deepest
D streames

streames are tongue-tyed ; for those passions which vent themselves in words, discover their bottome of no great depth.

Meane time the Eagle looked through the species, or intervals in the Cage, and so excellent the sight thereof, he easily discerned where the Egges lay, the Ostrich being so near, that he almost crushed them with his own feet, wherefore calling the Ostrich unto him, I am glad, saith he, that in my misery I have the occasion to oblige any ; I can tell you where the Treasure is that you seek for, and presently directed him to the same.

The Ostrich was not so over-joyed with its own happinesse, but that he bethought himselfe how to returne proportionable thankes to the Eagle, in order whereunto he set his Bill against the Iron Padlock of the Cage, and according to the voraciousness of his stomach quite devoured the same.

Let privy Councillors of Nature enter into this deep Discourse, how it is possible for such a solid, and substantial thing as Iron is, to become food to a Fowle, let them, I say, beate their braines about this Question harder than Iron, and if they find the true

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reason thereof, I shall preferre
their Ingenuity as stronger
than the stomach of an O.
strich; meane time we will be
content to rest in the vulgar
report, and are satisfied to ad-
mire what we cannot under-
stand in such cases wherein
surely there are some hidden
and occult qualities, too deep
for men to dive into, and these
betray a surly and base dispo-
sition, which will beleieve
nothing (though Authentically
attested by never so ma-
ny witnesses) whereof they are
unable to render the true rea-
son, as if Nature could doe
nothing but what shee gives
them an account of how shee
doth it.

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The Eagle thus restored to liberty, returned hearty thanks to the Ostrich. You see, saith he, there is no living in this world without bartering and exchanging of Cartesies one to another ; he that lendeth to day may borrow to morrow, how happy would Mankinde bee, if the Wall of Envie were pluckt downe betwixt them, and their parts so layd in Common, that the wealth of one might supply the wants of another ; Nature hath enriched me with a quick Sight thee with a strong Digestion, I have restored thy Egges to thee, you have restored me to my selfe, liberty being the life

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of life; and this I thought fit to
testifie unto thee, though hot
in the pursuit of my Enemy; in
first to thanke thee, then
punish him: I will not bee
guilty of so preposterous a
Soul, that my Revenge shall
get the speede of my Grati-
tude.

This done, the Eagle in
full Quest of the Hawke, dis-
covereth a company of Birds
together, being a great party
whom the Peacock had assem-
bled, with hope to intice
them to choose him their
Chiefe; for the Hawke no
where appearing, and the en-
largement of the Eagle being
unknown, he thus endeavour

red by his Rhethoricall flourish-
es to make himself popular
in their affections.

I am not ignorant, that
such men proclaime their own
weaknesse, who are the He-
rald of their owne praise; it
argueth a great dearth of de-
sert, and want of worth, when
one is large in his own com-
mendation, however some-
times necessity makes it law-
full, especially when what is
spoken is so generally known,
that it commandeth the way
to its own belief, and carrieth
the credit about it, give me
leave to present my person
and merits to your considera-
tion; my bulke not so great

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as the Ostrich like to bee
burden to it selfe, yet not
little as any way to invite
lest: A good presence is re-
quisite in a Commander,
therwise great parts crowde
in a despicable person,
whit becomes one in Author-
rity. I will give you but one
argument, or demonstration
rather of my Worth: When
the Gods had the free choice
of all the Birds which they
would please to make their
Attendants in ordinary, and
when *Jove* made choice of
the Eagle, as most Emperiall
Juno, his Consort, was pleased
to elect me, to be called by the
name of her Bird in all past

ges of Poetry. Thus am I
next to the best, and but
one steppe removed from the
Top, even by those infallible
judgements.

Looke, I pray, upon my
Traine, how it is Circular,
the most capable Forme, and
how it is distinguished with
variety of Colours, which ap-
peareth as so many earthly
Rainebowes in my Feathers.
Ovid hath reported, that *Ar-
gus* his hundred eyes were tur-
ned into them. But know you,
if you please to elect me to
be your Chiefe, that all those
eyes shall daily and houely
watch & ward for your good,
I will have a constant over-
sight

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fight of your welfare.

It was conceived, that the Peacock intended a longer Oration, which would have wearied the assembly with the Prolixity thereof, had he not casually, but happily cast down his eyes on his black legs, the ugly view therof so abated his Pride that it put a period to his Harangue before his intent, and others expectation. Now as the Vulture was tuning his tongue to return an answer, in cometh the Eagle, and is generally received with all joyfull acclamations.

Now because Clemencie is the badge of a generous nature

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ture, and those that have most courage have least cruelty, at the mediation of some potent Birds, the Eagle condescended, that the day of his Re-inauguration, should not be stained with blood, and therefore granted life to the Hawk, but on condition, not to exceed the Grove in which formerly himself was imprisoned.

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Here was a place in *Thessaly* (and I am sorry to say there *was* a place in *Thessaly*, for though the place be there still, yet it is not it selfe. The *bones* thereof remaine, not the *Flesh* and *Colour*. The standards of *Hilles* and *Rivers*; not the *Ornaments* of *Woods*, *Bowers*, *Groves* and *Banqueting-houses*. These long
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since are defaced by the *Turkes*, whose barbarous natures wage warre with civility it selfe, and take a delight to make a *Wildernesse* where before their conquest they found a *Paradise*.)

This place is some five miles in length, and though the breadth bee *Corrivall* with the length to equallize the same, and may so seeme at the first sight; yet it falleth short upon exact examimation, as extending but to foure miles. This place was by the Poets called *Tempe*, as the *Abridgement* of Earthly happinesse, shewing that in *short hand* which the whole world present

ted in a *larger character*, no earthly pleasure was elsewhere afforded, but here it might be found in the height thereof.

Within this Circuit of ground, there is still extant, by the rare preservation of the owner, a small Scantlin of some three Acres, which I might call the Tempe of Tempe, and re-epitomiz'd the delicacies of all the rest. It was divided into a *Garden*, in the *upper* Part whereof *Flowers* did grow, in the *lower*, *Hearbs*, and those of all sorts and kinds. And now in Spring time earth did put on her new cloathes, though had some cunning *Herald* beheld the same,

4 *Anthologia*, or
he would have condemned her
Coate to have been of no antient
bearing, it was so overcharged
with variety of Colours.

For there was yellow *Mari-*
golds, *Wallflowers*, *Auriculusses*,
Gold knobs, and abundance of
other namelesse *Flowers*, which
would pose a *Nomenclator* to
call them by their distinct de-
nominations. There was *White*
the *Dayes Eye*, white roses, *Lil-*
lies, &c. *Blew*, *Violet*, *Irisses*, *Ros-*
Roses, *Pionies*, &c. The whole
field was vert or greene, and all
colours were present save *sable*
as too sad and dolefull for so
merry a meeting. All the *Chil-*
dren of Flora being summonee
there

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here, to make their appearance
at a great solemnity.

Nor was the lower part of
the ground lesse stored with
herbs, and those so various,
that if *Gerard* himselfe had bin
in the place, upon the behold-
ing thereof, he must have been
forced to a re-edition of his
Herball, to adde the recruit of
those *Plants*, which formerly
were unseen by him, or un-
known unto him.

In this solemn *Randevouz* of
Flowers and *Herbs*, the *Rose*
stood forth, and made an *Ora-*
tion to this effect.

It is not unknown to you,
how I have the precedence of

all *Flowers*, confirmed unto me
under the *Patent* of a double
Sence, Sight, smell. What more
curious *Colours*? how do all
Diers blush when they behold
my *blushing*, as conscious
themselves, that their *Art* can
not imitate that *tincture*, which
Nature hath stamped upon me
Smell, it is not lusciously offen-
sive, nor dangerously *Faint*, but
comforteth with a delight, and
delighteth with the comfort
thereof: Yea, when *Dead*, I am
more *Soveraigne* then *Living*.
What *Cordials* are made of my
Syrups? how many corrupted
Lungs (those *Fans* of *Nature*)
fore wasted with consumption

that they seem utterly unable any longer to cool the heat of the *Heart*, with their *ventilation*, are with *Conserves* made of my stamped *Leaves*, restored to their former soundnesse againe. More would I say in mine own cause, but that happily I may be taxed of pride, and selfe-flattery, who speak much in mine own behalf, & therefore I leave the rest to the judgment of such as hear me, and passe from this *discourse* to my just *complaint*.

There is lately a *Flower* (shal I call it so? in courtesie I will tearme it so, though it deserve not the appellation) a *Toolip*, which hath ingrafted the love

and affections of most people unto it; and what is this *Toolep* a wellcomplexion'd stink, and ill savour wrapt up in pleasant colours: As for the use thereof in *Physick*, no *Physitian* hath honoured it yet with the mention, nor with a *Greek*, or *Latin* name, so inconsiderable hath it hitherto been accompted; and yet this is that which filleth all Gardens, hundred of pounds being given for the root thereof, whilst I the *Rose*, am neglected and contemned, and conceived beneath the honour of noble hands, and fit only to grow in the gardens of Yeomen. I trust the remainder to your

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apprehensions, to make out that, which grief for such undeserved injuries will not suffer me to expresse.

Hereat the *Rose* wept, and the dropping of her *white* tears down her *red* cheeks, so well becomed her, that if ever sorrow was lovely, it then appeared so, which moved the beholders to much compassion, her *Tears* speaking more then her tongue, in her own behalfe.

The *Toole* stood up insolently, as rather *challenging* then *craving* respect from the *Common-wealth* of *Flowers*, there present, & thus vaunted it selfe.

I am not solicitous what to
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returne to the complaint of this *Rose*, whose own demerit hath justly outed it self of that respect, which the mistaken world formerly bestowed upon it, and which mens eyes, now opened, justly reassume, and conferre on those who better deserve the same. To say that I am not more worthy then the *Rose*, what is it, but to condemne mankind, and to arraign the most *Gentle* and knowing among men of ignorance, for misplacing their affections: Surely *Vegetables* must not presume to mount above *Rational* creatures, or to think that men are not the most competent

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tent judges of the worth and
valeur of *Flowers*. I confesse
there is yet no known soveraign
vertue in my leaves, but it is
injurious to inferre that I have
none, because as yet not taken
notice of. If we should exa-
mine *all*, by their intrinsick va-
lours, how many contemptible
things in Nature would take
the upper hand of those which
are most valued; by this argu-
ment a *Flint-stone* would be
better then a *Diamond*, as con-
taining that spark of fire there-
in, whence men with combu-
stible matter may heat them-
selves in the coldest season: and
cleer it is, that the *Load-stone*,
which

(that grand *Pilot* to the North, which findeth the way there in the darkest night) is to be preferred before the most orient Pearle in the world : But they will generally be condemned for unwise, who prize things according to this proportion.

Seeing therefore in stones and minerals, that those things are not most *valued*, which have most vertue, but that men according to their eyes and fancies raise the reputation thereof, let it not be interpreted to my disadvantage, that I am not eminently known for any cordiall operation ; perchance the discovery hereof is reserved for the

the next age, to find out the
latent vertue which *lurketh* in
me: And this I am confident of,
that *Nature* would never have
hung out so gorgeous a signe,
if some guest of quality had not
been lodged therein; surely my
leaves, had never been *feathered*
with such variety of *colours*,
(which hath proclaimed me
the King of all Lillies) had not
some strange vertue, whereof
the world is yet ignorant, been
treasured up therein.

As for the *Rose*, let her thank
her selfe, if she be sensible of any
decay in esteem, I have not am-
bitiously affected superiority a-
bove her, nor have I fraudulent-
ly

ly endeavoured to supplant her: only I should have been wanting to my selfe, had I refused those favours from *Ladies*, which their importunity hath pressed upon me: And may the *Rose* remember, how she out of causelesse jealousy, maketh all hands to be her enemies that gather her; what need is there that she should garison her selfe within her prickles? why must she set so many Thornes to lye constant *perdue*, that none must gather her, but such as suddenly surprize her; and do not all that crop her, run the hazard of hurting their fingers: This is that which hath weaned the world

world from her love, whilst my
smoother stalk exposing *Ladies*
to no such perills, hath made
them by exchange to fix their
removed affections upon me.

At this stood up the *Violet*,
and all prepared themselves
with respectfull attention, ho-
nouring the *Violet* for the Age
thereof; for the *Prim Rose* alone
excepted, it is *Seignior* to all the
Flowers in the year, and was
highly regarded for the reputa-
tion of the experience thereof
that durst encounter the cold,
and had past many bitter blasts,
whereby it had gained much
wisdom, and had procured a
venerable respect, both to his
person and Counsell.

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The case (saith the *Violet*) is not of particular concernment, but extendeth it selfe to the life and liberty of all the society of *Flowers*; the complaint of the *Rose* we must all acknowledge to be just and true, and ever since I could remember, we have paid the *Rose* a just tribute of *Faalty* as our Prime and principall As for this *Toolip*, it hath not been in *being* in our *Garden* above these sixty years: Our *Fathers* never knew that such a *Flower* would be, and perhaps our children may never know it ever was; what traveller brought it hither, I know not; they say it is of a

Syrian

Syrian extraction, but sure there
it grew wild in the open fields,
and is not beheld otherwise,
then a gentler sort of weed:
But we may observe that all-
forraign *vices* are made *vertues*
in this countrey, forraign *drun-*
kennesse is Grecian *Mirth* (thence
the proverb, *The merry Greek*)
forraign *pride*, Grecian *good*
behaviour; forraign *lust*, Greci-
an *love*; forraign *lazinesse*, Gre-
cian *harmelessnesse*; forraign
weeds, Grecian *Flowers*. My
judgement therefore is, that if
we do not speedily eradicate
this *intruder* (this *Toolip*) in pro-
cessse of time will out us all of
our just possessions, seeing no
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Flower can pretend a cleerer title then the *Rose* bath; and let us every one make the case to be his owne.

The gravity of the *Violet* prevailed with the *Senate of Flowers*, that all concurred with his judgment herein; and such who had not the faculty of the fluentnesse of their tongues to expresse themselves in large *Orationes*, thought that the well managing of a *yea*, or *nay*, spoke them as well wishing to the generall good, as the expressing themselves in large *Harrangues*; and these soberly concluded, that the *Tool* should be rooted out of the *Garden*

Garden, and cast on the *dung-bill*, as one who had justly invaded a place not due thereunto, and this accordingly was performed.

Whilst this was passing in the *upper house* of the *Flowers*, no less were the transactions in the lower house of the *herbs*; where there was a generall acclamation against *Wormewood*, the generality condemning it, as fitter to grow in a *ditch*, then in a *Garden*: *Wormewood* hardly received leave to make its own defence, pleading in this manner for its innocency.

I would gladly know whom I have offended in this com-

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mon-wealth of Herbs, that there should be so generall a conspiracy against me? only two things can be charged on me, *commonnesse* and *bitternesse*; if *commonnesse* pass for a fault, you may arraign Nature it self, and condemn the best Jewels thereof, the *light* of the *Sun*, the *benefit* of the *Ayre*, the *community* of the *Water*, are not these staple commodities of mankind, without which no being or substance: if therefore it be my charity to stoop so low, as to tender my selfe to every place for the publique service, shall that for which I deserve, if not praise, I need no pardon

pardon, be charged upon me as an offence.

As for my *bitternesse*, it is not a malicious & mischievous *bitternesse* to do hurt, but a helpfull & medicinall *bitternesse*, whereby many cures are effected. How many have surfeited on honey? how many have dig'd their graves in a Sugar-loaf? how many diseases have bin caused by the *dulcor* of many luscious sweet-meats? then am I sent for *Physitian* to these patients, and with my brother *Cardus* (whom you behold with a loving eye, I speak not this to endanger him, but to defend my selfe) restore them (if temperate in any de.

gree, and perswaded by their friends to tast of us) unto their former health. I say no more, but were all my patients now my pleaders, were all those who have gained *health by me*, present to *intercede for me*, I doubt not but to be reinstated in your good opinions.

True it is, I am condemned for over-hot, and too passionate in my operation; but are not the best natures subject to this distemper? is it not observed that the most *witty* are the most *choleric*? a little over-doing is *pardonable*, I will not say necessary in this kind, nor let me be condemned as destru-
Give

Give to the *sight*, having such good opening, and *abstergent* qualities, that moderately taken, especially in a *Morning*, I am both *food* and *Physick* for a *forenoon*.

It is strange to see how *passion* and *self-interest* sway in many things, more then the justice and merit of a cause; it was verily expected that *Worm-wood* should have been acquitted, and re-admitted a *member* in the *society* of *Herbs*: But what will not a *Faction* carry; *Worme-woods* friends were casually absent that very day, making merry at an entertainment; her enemies (let not that *Sex* be angry for
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making *Wormwood* feminine)
appeared in a full body, and
made so great a noise, as if some
mouths had two *tongues* in them,
and though some engaged very
zealously in *Wormwoods* de-
fence, yet over-charged with
the *Tyranny* of *Number*, it was
carryed in the *Negative*, that
Wormwood, *alias absinthium*,
should be pluckt up root and
branch from the *Garden*, and
thrown upon the *Dunghill*,
which was done accordingly,
where it had the wofull society
of the *Toolip*, in this happy, that
being equally miserable, they
might be a comfort the one to
the other, and spent many
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flowers in mutuall recounting their severall calamities, thinking each to exceed the other in the relation thereof.

Let us now amidst much sadness interweave something of more mirth and pleasantnesse in the *Garden*. There were *two* *Roses* growing upon one *Bush*, the one *pale* and *wan* with age, ready to drop off, as usefull only for a *Still*: the other a young *Bud*, newly loosened from its *green swadling cloaths*, and peeping on the rising *Sun*, it seem'd by its orient colour to be died by the reflection thereof.

Of these, the aged *Rose* thus began.

Sister

Sister Bud, learn witt by my
woe, and cheaply enjoy the free
and *ful* benefit of that purchase
which cost me *dear* and *bitter*
experience: Once I was like
your selfe, young and pretty,
straitly laced in my *green-Girdle*,
not swoln to that breadth and
corpulency which now you be-
hold in me, every hand which
passed by me courted me, and
persons of all sorts were ambi-
tious to gather me: How many
fair fingers of curious Ladies
tendred themselves to remove
me from the place of my abode;
but in those daies I was coy, &
to tell you plainly foolish, I
stood on mine own defence,
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summoned my *life-guard* about me, commanded every prickle as so many *Halberdeers*, to stand to their *Armes*, defie those that durst touch me, protested my selfe a votary of constant virginity; frighted hereat, passengers desisted from their intentions to crop me, and left me to enjoy the sullen humour of my own reservednesse.

Afterwards the Sun beams wrought powerfully upon me, (especialy about noon-time) to this my present extent, the *O-rient colour* which blushed so beautifull in me at the first, was much abated, with an over-mixture of *wanness* and *paleness* therewith

therewith, so that the *Green* or
white sicknesse rather, the com-
mon pennance for over-kept
virginity, began to infect me,
and that fragrant sent of mine
began to remit and lessen the
sweetnesse thereof, and I daily
decayed in my naturall per-
fume; thus seeing I daily lessen-
ed in the repute of all eyes and
nostrills, I began too late to re-
pent my selfe of my former
frowardnesse, and sought that
my diligence by an after-game,
should recover what my folly
had lost; I pranked up my selfe
to my best advantage, summon-
ed all my sweetnesse to appear
in the height thereof, recruit.

ed my decayed *Colour*, by
blushing for my own folly, and
wooed every hand that passed
by me, to remove me.

I confesse in some sort it of-
fers rape to a Maiden modesty,
if forgetting their sex, they
that should be all *Ears*, turn
mouthes, they that should ex-
pect, offer; when we women,
who only should be the passive
Counterparts of *Love*, and re-
ceive impression from others,
boldly presume to stamp them
on others, and by an inverted
method of nature, turn plea-
ders unto men, and wooe them
for their affections. For all this
there is but one excuse, and
that

that is absolute necessity, which
as it breaks through stone
walls, so no wonder if in this
case it alters and transposes the
Sexes, making women to *man*
in case of extremity, when men
are wanting to tender their
affections unto them.

All was but in vaine, I was
entertained with scorne and
neglect, the *hardned* hands of
dayly Labourers, *brawn*ed with
continuall work, the *black*
hands of *Moors*, which alwaies
carry *Night* in their *Faces*,
fleighted and contemned me;
yea, now behold my last hope
is but to deck and adorn house-
es, and to be laid as a propertie

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in windowes, till at last I die in
the *Hospitall* of some *still*, where
when useles for any thing else,
we are generally admitted.
And now my very *leaves* begin
to *leave* me, and I to be de-
serted and forsaken of my selfe.

O how happy are those *Ro-*
ses, who are preferred in their
youths; to be warme in the
hands and breasts of faire *La-*
dies, who are joyned together
with other *flowers* of *severall*
kinds in a *Posie*, where the gene-
rall result of sweetnesse from
them all, ravisheth the *Smel* by
an intermixture of various co-
lours, all united by their *stalks*
within the same *thred* that bind-
eth

32 *Antheologia*, or
eth them together.

Therefore Sister *Bud* grow
wise by my folly, and know
is far greater happinesse to lose
thy *Virginity* in a good hand,
then to wither on the *stake*,
whereon thou growest: accept
of thy first and best tender, lest
afterwards in vaine thou court.
est the reversion of fragments
of that feast of love, which first
was freely tendred unto thee.

Leave we them in their dis-
course, and proceed to the re-
lation of the *Toolip* and *Worm*.
wood, now in a most pitifull
condition, as they were lying
on the *Dunghill*; behold a *vast*
Giant Boar comes unto them:

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linesse, and base minds, to triumph in cruell actions, behold we are the objects rather of your pittie, whose sufferings may rather render us to the commiseration of any that justly consider our case. I the Tulip by a faction of flowers, was outed of the Garden, where I have as good a right and title to abide as any other: and this Wormewood, notwithstanding her just and long plea, how usefull and cordiall she was, was by a conspiracy of Herbs excluded the Garden, and both of us ignominiously confined to this place, where we must without all hopes quickly expire: O
humble

humble request unto you is not
to shorten those few minutes
of our lives which are left unto
us, seeing such prejudice was
done to our *Vitals* (when our
roots were mangled by that
cruel eradication) that there is
an impossibility of our long
continuance: Let us therefore
fairly breath out our last
breath, and antidate not our
misery, but let us have the fa-
vour of a quiet close and con-
clusion.

But if so be that you are af-
fected with the destruction of
flowers and *herbs*, know the
pleasure and *contentment* therein
must be far greater to root out

those which are fairly flourishing
in their *prime*, whereof plenty
are in this *Garden* afforded, and
if it please you to follow our
directions, we will make you
Master of a Passe, which with-
out any difficulty shall convey
you into the *Garden*; for though
the same on all sides almost is
either *walled* or *paled* about, yet
in one place it is fenced with a
Hedge only, wherein, through
the neglect of the *Gardiner*
(whose care it ought to be to
secure the same) there is a hole
left in such capacity, as will
yeeld you an easie entrance
thereinto: There may you glorie
your selfe, and satiate your
soules

ould with variety of *Flowers* and herbs, so that an *Epicure* might have cause to complain of the plenty thereof.

The *Boar* apprehends the motion, is sensible it was advantageous for him, and following their directions, he makes himselfe Master of his owne desire. O the spitefulnesse of some *Natures*! how do they wreck their anger on all persons: It was revenge for the *Toolip* and *Wormwood*, unlesse they had spitefully wronged the whole Corporation of *Flowers*, out of which they were ejected as uselesse and dangerous *Members*: And now consider how these

two *pride* themselves in their own *vindicative* thoughts? how do they in their forerunning fancy antedate the death of all *Herbs* and *Flowers*. What is sweeter then revenge? how do they please themselves to see what are *hot* & *cold* in the first, second, third, and fourth degree, (which borders on poison) how all these different in their severall *Temper*s, will be made *friends* in universall misery, and *compounded* in a generall destruction.

Little did either *Flowers* or *Herbs* think of the *Boares* approaching, who were solacing themselves with merry and pleasant

pleasant discourse; and it will not be amiss to deceive time, by inserting the *Courtship* of *Thrift* a *flower-Herb*, unto the *Mary-gold*, thus accosting her, just as the *Boar* entered into the *Garden*.

Mistresse, Of all *Flowers* that grow on *Earth*, give me leave to professe my sincerest affections to you: *Complements* have so infected mens tongues (and grown an *Epidemicall fault*, or as others esteem it, a fashionable accomplishment) that we know not when they speak truth, having made dissembling their language, by a constant usage thereof: But believe me *Mistriss*

my *heart* never entertained any
other interpreter then my
Tongue; and if there be a *vein*
(which Anatomists have gene-
rally avouched, carrying intelli-
gence from the *heart* to the *lips*)
assure your selfe that *vein* acts
now in my discourse.

I have taken signall notice of
your accomplishments, and a-
mong many other rare quali-
ties, particularly of this, your
loyalty and faithfulnessse to the
Sun, *Soveraign* to all *Vegetables*,
to whose warming *Beams*, we
owe our *being* and *increase*: such
your love thereunto, that you
attend his *rising*, and therewith
open, and at his setting shut
your

your windows : True it is, that
Helitropium (or turner with the
Sun) hath a long time been at-
tributed to the *Sun-flower* , a
voluminous Giantlike Flower ,
of no vertue or worth as yet
discovered therein , but we all
know the many and Sovereign
vertues in your leaves, the *Herb*
generall in all pottage : Nor do
you as *Herb John* stand newter,
and as too many now adaies in
our *Commonwealth* do , neither
good nor ill (expecting to be
acted on by the impresson of
the prevalent party) and other-
wise warily engage not them-
selves ; but you really appear
sovereign and operative in your
whole.

wholesome effects: The consideration hereof, and no other by reflection; hath moved me to the tender of my affections, which if it be candidly *resented* as it is sincerely offered, I doubt not but it may conduce to the mutuall happinesse of us both.

Besides know (though I am the unproperest person to trumpet forth my owne praise) my *name* is *Thrift*, and my *nature* answereth thereunto; I doe not prodigally waist those Lands in a *moment*, which the industry and frugality of my Ancestors hath in a long time advanced; I am no gamster to shake away with a *quaking* hand, what a
more

more fixed hand did gain and
acquire : I am none of those
who in variety of cloaths, bury
my quick estate as in a winding
sheet ; nor am I one of those
who by cheats and deceits im-
prove my selfe on the losses of
others ; no *Widowers* have wept,
no *Orphans* have cryed for what
I have offered unto them (this
is not *Thrift* but rather *Felony*)
nor owe I any thing to my own
body ; I fear not to be arrested
upon the *action* of my own car-
casse , as if my creditors should
cunningly compact there-
with, and quit scores, resigning
their Bill and Bond unto mine
own body , whilst that in re-
quitall

quitall ſurrendereth all obligations for food and cloaths thereunto: Nor do I undertake to buy out *Bonds* in controversies for almost nothing, that ſe running a ſmall hazard, I may gain great advantage, if my bargain therein prove ſucceſſfull. No, I am plain and honeſt *Thrift*, which none ever did, or will ſpeak againſt, ſave ſuch *prodigall ſpend-thrifts*, who in their reduced thoughts, will ſpeak more againſt themſelves.

And now it is in your power to accept or reſuſe what I have offered, which is the *priviledg* which nature hath allotted for your *feminine ſex*, which we merit per-

perchance may grudge and repine at, but it being past our power to amend it, we must permit our selves as well as we may to the constant custome prevailing herein.

The *Marigold* demurely hung down her head, as not overfond of the motion, and kept silence so long as it might stand with the rule of manners, but at last brake forth into the following return.

I am tempted to have a good opinion of my selfe, to which all people are prone, and we women most of all, if we may beleeve your—— of us, which herein I am affraid are too true:
But

But Sir, I conceive my selfe too
wise to be deceived by your
commendations of me, especi-
ally in so large a way, and on
so generall an account, that
other *Flowers* not only share
with me, but exceed me there-
in: May not the *Daies-eye* not
only be *corrivall* with me; but
superior to me in that quality,
wherein so much you praise me;
my *vigilancy* starteth only from
the *Suns rising*, hers bears date
frō the *dawning* of the *morning*,
& out-runs my speed by many
degrees: my *vertue* in pottage
which you so highly commend,
impute it not to my *Modesty*,
but to my *Guiltinesse*, if I cannot
give

give it entertainment; for how many hundred *Herbs* which you have neglected exceed me therein.

But the plain truth is, you love not me for my selfe, but for your advantage: It is *Gold* on the *arrear* of my *name* which maketh *Thrift* to be my *Suitor*: how often, and how unworthily have you tendered your affections, even to *Penny-royall*, it selfe, had she not scorned to be courted by you.

But I commend the Girle that she knew her own worth, though it was but a *penny*, yet it is a *Royall* one, and therefore not a fit match for every base
Suitor

Suitor, but knew how to value
her selfe, and give me leave to
tell you, that *Matches* founded
on *Covetousnesse* never succeed:
Profit is the *Load-stone* of your
affections, *Wealth*, the attraction
of your *Love*, *Money* the mover
of your desire; how many hun-
dreds have engaged themselves
on these principles, and after-
wards have bemoaned them-
selves for the same? But oh the
uncertainty of wealth? how
unable is it to expleate & satis-
fie the mind of man: Such as cast
Anchor thereat, feldome find
fast ground, but are tossed about
with the *Tempests* of many di-
sturbances; these *Wives* for con-
venience

veniency of profit and pleasure
(when there hath been no fur-
ther nor higher intent) have
filled all the world with *mis-*
chief and *misery*. Know then sir,
I return you a flat *deniall*, a *de-*
niall that *vertually* contains ma-
ny, yea as many as ever I shall be
able to pronounce: My tongue
knowes no other language to
you but *No*; score it upon wo-
mens dissimulation (whereof
we are too guilty, and I at o-
ther times as faulty as any) but
Sir, read my eyes, my face, and
compound all together, and
know these are the expressions
dictated from my heart; I shall
embrace a thousand deaths
E sooner

50 *Anthologia, or*
sooner, then your Marriage-
Bed.

Thus were they harmelesly
discoursing, and feared no ill,
when on a sudden they were
surprized with the uncouth
sight of the Boare, which had
entered their Garden, following
his prescribed directions, and
armed with the Corslet of his
Bristles, wanted like a trium-
phant Conqueror round about
the Garden, as one who would
first make them suffer in their
fear, before in their feeling; how
did he please himselfe in the
variety of the fears of the
flowers, to see how some pale
ones looked red, and some red
ones looked pale.

ones looked pale ; leaving it to *Philosophers* to dispute and decide the different effects should proceed from the same causes ; and among all *Philosophers* , commending the question to the *Stoicks* , who because they pretend an *Antipathy* , that they themselves would never be angry , never be mounted above the *modell* of a common usuall *Temper* , are most competent *Judges* , impartially to give the reason of the causes of the anger of others.

And now it is strange to see the severall waies the *Flowers* embraced to provide for their owne security ; there is no such

Teacher as *extremity* ; *necessity*
hath found out more *Arts*, then
ever ingenuity invented: The
Wall-Gillyflower ran up to the
top of the Wall of the Garden,
where it hath grown ever since,
and will never descend till it
hath good security for its own
safety ; and being mounted
thereon, he entertained the
Boar with the following dis-
course.

Thou basest and unworthiest
of *four-footed Beasts*; thy Mother
the *Sow*, passeth for the most
contemptible *name*, that can be
fixed on any *She* : Yea, *Pliny*
reporteth, that a *Sow* growne
old, useth to feed on her owne
young,

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young; and herein I beleeve that Pliny, who otherwise might be straitned for fellow-witnesses, might find such who will attest the truth of what he hath spoken. Mens *Excrements* is thy element, and what more cleanly creatures do scorn and detest, makes a feast for thee; nothing comes amisse unto thy mouth, and we know the proverb what can make a pan-cake unto thee: Now you are gotten into the Garden (shame light on that negligent Gardner, whose care it was to fence the same, by whose negligence and oversight, you have gotten an entrance into this *Academy of Flowers and*
E 3 *Herbs*)

Herbs) let me who am your enemy give you some *Counsell*, and neglect it not, because it comes from my *Mouth*. You see I am without the reach of your *Anger*, and all your power cannot hurt me, except you be pleased to borrow *wings* from some *Bird*, thereby to advantage your selfe, to reach my habitation.

My *Counsell* therefore to you is this, be not *Proud* because you are *Prosperous*; who would ever have thought, that you could have entered this place, which we conceived was impregnable against any of your kind: Now because you have

have had successe as farre above
our *expectations*, as your *deserts*;
show your own moderation in
the usage thereof; to *Master* us
is easie, to *Master* your selfe is
difficult. Attempt therefore
that which as it is most *hard* to
performe, so will it bring most
honour to you when *executed*;
and know, I speak not this in
relation to my selfe (sufficient-
ly priviledged from your
Tasks) but as *acted* with a *pub-
lique spirit*, for the good of the
Comminalty of Flowers; and if any
thing hereafter betide you, o-
ther then you expect, you will
remember that I am a *Prophet*,
and foretell that which too late

you will credit and beleeeve.

The *Boar* heard the words, and entertained them with a *surly silence*, as conceiving himselfe to be *mounted* above danger, sometimes he pittied the fillinesse of the *Wall-flower*, that pittied him, and sometimes he vowed revenge, concluding that the *stones* of the *Wall* would not afford it sufficient moisture, for its constant dwelling there; but that he should take it for an advantage, when it descended for more sustenance.

It is hard to expresse the *panick* fear in the rest of the *flowers*, and especially the *small*

Prim.

Prim-roses, begged of their Mothers that they might retreat into the middle of them, which would only make them grow bigger and broader, and it would grieve a pittifull heart to hear the child plead, and the mother so often deny.

The Child began; dear Mother, she is but halfe a Mother that doth *breed* and not *preserve*, only to *bring forth*, and then to expose us to worldly *wisery*, lessens your *Love*, and doubles our *sufferings*: See how this tyrannicall *Boare* threatens our instant undoing; I desire only a *Sanctuary* in your *bosome*, a retreating place into your *breast*,
and

and who fitter to come into you, then she that came out of you; whether should we return, then from whence we came, it will be but one happinesse, or one misfortune, together we shall die, or together be preserved; only some content and comfort will be unto me, either to be happy or unhappy in your company.

The broader *Prim-rose* hearkned unto these words with a sad countenance, as sensible in her selfe, that had not the present necessity hardned her affections, she neither would nor could return a deaf eare to so equall a motion. But now she rejoyned.

Dear

Dear Child, none can be more sensible then my selfe of Motherly affections, it troubles me more for me to deny thee, then for thee to be denyed; I love thy safety where it is not necessarily included in my danger; the entertaining of thee will be my ruine and destruction; how many Parents in this age have been undone meerly for affording house and home to such Children, whose condition might be quarrel'd with as exposed to exception.

I am sure of mine owne innocency, which never in the least degree have offended this *Boar*, and therefore hope he will not offend

offend me; what wrong and injury you have done him is best known to your selfe; stand therefore on your own bottom, maintain your own innocence; for my part I am resolved not to be drowned for others hanging on me, but I will try as long as I can the strength of my own armes and leggs; excuse me good child, it is not *hatred* to you, but *love* to my selfe, which makes me to understand my own interest. The younger *Prim-rose* returned.

Mother, I must again appeal to your affections, despairing to find any other *Judge* to Father my cause; remember I am part
of

of your selfe, and have never by
any undutifulnesse disobliged
your affections; I professe also
mine own integrity, that I ne-
ver have offended this *Boar*,
being more innocent therein
then your selfe, for alas my ten-
der years intitles me not to any
correspondency with him, this
is the first minute (and may it be
the last) that ever I beheld
him; I reassume therefore my
suite, supposing that your first
denyall proceeded only from a
desire to try my importunity,
and give me occasion to enforce
my request with the greater
earnestnesse: By your motherly
bowels I conjure you (an exor-
cisme

cisme which (I beleeve) comes not within the compasse of superstition) that you tender me in this my extremity, whose greatest ambition is to die in those armes from whence I first fetcht my originall. And then she left her *tears* singly to drop out the remainder, what her *tongue* could not expresse.

The *Affections* of Parents may sometimes be *smothered*, but seldome *quenched*, and meeting with the *blast* or *bellows* from the submissive mouthes of their *Children*, it quickly *blazeth* into a *flame*. Mother and daughter are like Tallies, one exactly answereth the other: The Mo.
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the Prim-rose could no longer resist the violence of her daughters importunity, but opens her bosome for the present reception thereof, wherein ever since it hath grown doubled unto this day; and yet a double mischief did arise from this gemination of the *Prim-rose*, or inserting of the little one into the Bowels thereof.

First, those *Prim-roses* ever since grow very slowly, and lag the last among all the *Flowers* of that kind; single *Prim-roses* beat them out of distance, and are arrived at their Mark a month before the other start out of their green leaves: yet it
will

will not be hard to assigne a natural cause thereof, namely, a greater power of the *Sun* is acquired to the production of greater *Flowers*, small degrees of heat will suffice to give a being to single *Flowers*, whilst double ones groaning under the weight of their own greatness, require a greater force of the *Sun-beams* to quicken them, and to spurre their laziness, to make them appear out of their roots.

But the second *Mischief* most concerns us, which is this, all single *Flowers* are sweeter, then those that are double; and here we could wish that a *Fury* of Florists

Florists were *impannelled*, not to eat, untill such time as they were agreed in their *verdict*, what is the true cause thereof. Some will say that single *leaves of Flowers*, being more effectually wrought on by the *Sun-Beams*, are rarified thereby, and so all their sweetnesse and perfume the more fully extracted; whereas double *Flowers* who lie as it were in a lump, and heap crouded together with its own *leaves*, the *Sun-beams* hath not that advantage singly to distill them, and to improve every particular *leaf* to the best advantage of sweetnesse: This sure I am, that the old *Prim-*

rose fencible of the abatement of her sweetnesse, since she was *clogged* with the entertainment of her *Daughter*, halfe repent. ing that she had received her, returned this complaining discourse.

Daughter, I am fencible that that the *statutes* of *inmates*, was founded on very good and solid grounds, that many should not be multiplied within the roof of one and the same house, ha finding the inconveniency thereof by lodging thee my owne *Daughter* within my *Be- some*; I wil not speak how much I have lost of my growth, the *Clock* whereof is set back a whole month

month by receiving of you; but that which most grieveth me, I perceive I am much abated in my *sweetnesse* (the essence of all *Flowers*) and which only distinguisheth them from *weeds*, seeing otherwise in *Colours*, *weeds* may contest with us in brightnesse and variety.

Peace Mother (replied the small *Prim-rose*) conceive not this to be your particular unhappinesse, which is the generall *accident* falling out daily in my common experience, namely, that the bigger and thicker people grow in their *estates*, the worse and lesse vertuous they are in their *Conversations*, our

age may produce millions of these instances; I knew some tenne years since many honest men, whose converse was familiar and faire, how did they court and desire the company of their neighbours, and mutually, how was their company desired by them? how *humble* were they in their *carriage*, loving in their *expressions*, and *friendly* in their *behaviour*, drawing the love and affections of all that were acquainted with them? But since being grown wealthy, they have first learnt not to know *themselves*, and afterwards none of their *neighbours*; the *brightnesse* of
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much Gold and Silver, hath with the shine and lustre thereof so perstringed and dazled their eyes, that they have forgotten those with whom they had formerly so familiar conversation; how proudly do they walk? how superciliously do they look? how disdainfully do they sneak? they will not know their own Brothers and kindred, as being a kin only to themselves.

Indeed such who have long been gaining of wealth, and have slowly proceeded by degrees therein, whereby they have learnt to mannage their minds, are not so palpably proud as others; but those who

in an instant have been surpriz. ed with a vast estate, *flowing* in upon them from a *fountain* farre above their *deserts*, not being able to wield their own greatness, have been prest under the weight of their own estates, and have manifested that their minds never knew how to be stewards of their wealth, by forgetting themselves in the disposing thereof.

I beleave the little *Prim-rose* would have beee longer in her discourse, had not the approach of the *Boar* put an unexpected period thereunto, and made her break off her speech before the ending thereof.

Now

Now whilst all other *flowers* were struck into a *panick* silence, only *two*, the *Violet*, and the *Marigold* continued their discourse, which was not attributed to their valour or hardi- nesse above other *Flowers*, but that casually both of them grew together in the *declivity* of a depressed *Valley*, so that they saw not the *Boar*, nor were they sensible of their own misery, nor durst others remove their stations to bring them intelligence thereof.

Sister *Marigold* (said the *Violet*) you and I have continued these many daies in the contest which of our two *colours* are

the most honourable and pleasing to the *Eye* , I know what you can plead for your selfe, that your *yellownesse* is the *Livery* of *Gold*, the *Soveraign* of most mens hearts, and esteemed the purest of all *mettals*; I deny not the truth hereof: But know that as farre as the *Skie* surpasseth that which is buried in the *Bowels* of the *Earth*, so farre my *blew colour* exceedeth yours; what is oftner mentioned by the *Poets* then the *azure Clouds*? let *Heraulds* be made the *Vm. pire* , and I appeal to *Ger. rard*, whether the *azure* doth not carry it cleer above all other *colours* herein; *Sable* or
black

Black affrights the beholders with the *hue* thereof, and minds them of the *Funerall* of their last friends, whom they had interred *Vert* or *Green* I confesse is a *colour* refreshing the sight, and wore commonly before the eyes of such who have had a casuall mischance therein; however, it is but the *Livery* of novelty, a young upstart colour, as *green heads*, and *green youth* do passe in common experience. *Red* I confesse is a noble colour, but it hath too much of *bloode* therein, and affrighteth beholders with the memory thereof: My *Blew* is exposed to no cavills and exceptions, where.

wherein *black* and *red* are moderately compounded, so that I participate of the perfections of them both: the over.gaudi-
nesse of the *red*, which hath too much *light* and *brightness* therein, is reduced and tempered with such a *mixture* of *black*, that the *red* is made *stayed*, but not *sad* therewith, and the *black* kept from over-much melancholy, with a proportionable contemperation of *red* therein: This is the reason that in all ages the *Violet* or *purple colour* hath passed for the emblem of Magistracy, and the *Robes* of the antient Roman judges alwaies died therewith.

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The *Violet* scarce arived at the middle of her discourse, when the approach of the *Boar* put it into a terrible fear, nor was there any *Herb* or *Flower* in the whole *Garden* left unsurprized with fear, save only *Time* and *Sage*, which casually grew in an *Island* surrounded with water from the rest, and secured with a lock-bridge from the *Bears* access. *Sage* beginning, accosted *Time* in this Nature.

Most fragrant Sister, there needs no other argument to convince thy transcendent sweetnesse, save only the appealing to the *Bees* (the most compe-

competent judges in this kind) those little *Chymists*, who through their natural *Alembick*, distill the sweetest and usefullest of *Liquors*, did not the commonnesse and cheapnesse thereof make it lesse valued: Now these industrious *Bees*, the emblem of a common-wealth (or Monarchy rather, if the received traditions of a *Master-Bee* be true) make their constant diet upon thee; for though no *Flower* comes amisse to their palates, yet are they observed to preferre thee above the rest. Now Sister *Time*, faine would I be satisfied of you severall queries, which only *Time*

is able to resolve. Whether or no do you think that the *State* of the *Turks* wherein we live, (whose cruelty hath destroyed faire *Tempe* to the small remnant of these few Acres) whether I say, do you think that their *strength* and *greatness* doth *encrease*, *stand still*, or *abate*? I know *Time* that you are the *Mother of truth*, and the finder out of all truths mysteries; be open therefore and candid with me herein, and freely speak your mind of the case propounded.

Time very gravely casting down the eyes thereof to the earth; Sister *Sage* (said she) had you propounded any question within

within the sphear or circuit of
a *Garden*, of the heat or coolnesse,
drinesse or moisture, vertue or o-
peration of flowers and herbs,
I should not have demurred to
return you a speedy answer; but
this is of that dangerous conse-
quence, that my own safety
locks up my lips, and commands
my silence therein: I know your
wisdome *Sage*, whence you
have gotten your name and re-
putation, this is not an age to
trust the neereft of our relati-
ons with such an important
secrecie; what ever thoughts are
concealed within the *Cabinet* of
my own *bosome*, shall there be
preserved in their secret pro-
perties

of pertie without imparting them
e, to any ; my confessor himse
e, shall know my *conscience*, but
, not my judgement in affaires of
o *State* : Let us comply with the
t present necessity, and lie at a
- close posture, knowing there
y be fencers even now about us,
s who will set upon us if our
r guards lye open : generall dis-
courses are such to which I will
confine my selfe : It is antient-
ly said, *that the subtill man lurks*
in generall. But now give me
leave, for honesty it selfe, if de-
siring to be safe, to take San-
ctuary therein.

Let us enjoy our own hap-
pinesse, and be sensible of the
fa-

favour indulged to us, that
whereas all *Tempe* is defaced,
this *Garden* still surviveth in
some tolerable condition of
proiperity, and we especially
miled about, are fenced from
forraign foes, better then the
rest; let it satisfie your soule
that we peaceably possess this
happinesse, and I am sorry that
the lustre thereof is set forth
with so true a foile, as the cala-
mity of our neighbours.

Sage returned; Were I a blab
of my mouth, whose secrecie
was ever suspected, then might
you be cautious in communi-
cating your mind unto me: But
secrecy is that I can principally
boast

boast of, it being the quality for which the common-wealth of *Flowers* chose me their privy Councillor, what therefore is told me in this nature, is deposited as securely, as those *treasures* which formerly were laid up in the *Temple* of safety it self; and therefore with all modest importunity, I reassume my suit, and desire your judgment of the question, whether the *Turkish* Tyranny is likely to continue any longer? for *Time* I know alone can give an answer to this question.

Being confident (*said Time*) of your fidelity, I shall expresse my selfe in that freeness unto

G you

you, which I never as yet expressed to any mortall: I am of that hopefull opinion, that the period of this barbarous nations greatnesse begins to approach, my first reason is drawn from the vicissitude and mutability which attends all earthly things; *Bodies* arrived at the *vertical* point of their strength, decay and decline. The Moon when in the fulnesse of its *increasing*, tendeth to a *waning*; it is a pitch too high for any sublunary thing to amount unto constantly, to proceed progressively in greatnesse; this maketh me to hope that this Giant-like *Empire*, cemented with

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with Tyranny, supported, not so much with their own policy, as with the servility of such who are under them, hath seen its best daies and highest elevation.

To this end, to come to more particulars, what was it which first made the *Turks* fortunate, in so short a time to over-run all *Greece*, but these two things; first, the *dissentions*, 2. the *dissoluteness* of your antient *Greeks*: Their *dissentions* are too well known, the Emperor of *Constantinople* being grown almost but *titular*, such the pride and potency of many *Peeres* under him. The *Egean* is not

more stored with *Islands* (as I think scarce such a heap or huddle is to be found of them in all the world againe) as *Greece* was with severall *faCTIONS*, the *Epirots* hated the *Achayans*, the *Mesedans* bandoned against the *Thracians* ; the *Dalmatians* maintained deadly fencd against the *Wallachians* : Thus was the conquest made easie for the *Turks*, beholding not so much to their own valour, as to the *Grecian* discord.

Next to their *disensions*, their *dissolutenesse* did expedite their ruine ; drunkennesse was so common among them, that it was a sin to be sober, so that I
may

may say, all Greece reel'd and staggered with its own intemperance when the Turk assaulted it: What wonder then was it if they so quickly over-ran that famous *Empire*, where *vice* and *laziness* had generally infected all conditions of people.

But now you see the *Turks* themselves have divisions and dissensions among them, their great *Bashaws* and *holy Mustees* have their severall factions and dissensions; and whereas the poor *Greeks* by the reason of their hard usage, begin now to be starved into unity and temperance, they may seem to have changed their vices with the

Turks, who are now grown as factious and vitious as the other were before. Adde to all this that they are universally hated, and the neighbouring *Princes* rather *wait a time*, then *want a will* to be revenged on them for their many insolencies. Put all these together, and tell me if it put not a cheerfull complexion on probability, that the *Turkish* tyranny having come to the mark of its own might, and utmost limits of its own greatness, will dwindle and wither away by degrees. And assure your selfe, if once it come to be but *standing water*, it will quickly be a *low ebb* with them.

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Probably she had proceeded longer in her Oration, if not interrupted with the miserable moanes and complaints of the *Herbs* and *Flowers* which the *Boar* was ready to devour, when presently the *Sage* spake unto the *Boar* in this manner.

Sir, Listen a little unto me, who shall make such a motion whereof your selfe shall be the *Judge* (how much it tendeth to your advantage) and the dearest ears will listen to their own interest.) I have no designe for my selfe (whose position here invironed with with water, secureth

me from your anger; but I confesse I sympathize with the miserie of my friends and acquaintance, which in the continent of the *Garden* are exposed to your cruelty; what good will it do you to destroy so many *Flowers* and *Herbs*, which have no gust or sweetnesse at all in them for your palate; follow my directions, and directly *South-west* as you stand, you shall find (going forward therein) a corner in the *Garden*, overgrown with *Hog-weed*, (through the *Gardiners* negligence;) Oh what *Lettice* will be for your *lipps*; you will say that *Via lactea* (or the milkie way) is truly

truly there, so white, so sweet,
so plentiful a liquor is to be
distilled out of the leaves there-
of, which hath gotten the name
of *Hog-weed*, because it is the
principall *Bill of fare* whereon
creatures of your kind make
their common repast. The
Boar sensible that *Sage* spake to
the purpose, followed his di-
rections, and found the same
true, when feeding himselfe al-
most to surfet on those delici-
ous dainties, he swelled so
great, that in his return out of
the *Garden*, the hole in the fence
which gave him *admittance*, was
too small to afford him *egresse*
out thereat; when the *Gardiner*
com-

coming in with a *Guard* of *Dogs*, so persecuted this *Tyrant*, that killed on the place, he made satisfaction for the wrong he had done, and for the terrour wherewith he had affrighted so many *Innocents*. I wish the *Reader* well feasted with some of his *Brawn* well cooked, and so take our leave both of him and the *Gardens*.

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